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SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF KIM LAE JUNG LAWYERS

1. THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA) HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY LAWYERS WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY PERSUADED BY THE ROY GOVERNMENT NOT TO UNDERTAKE THE DEFENSE OF KIM LAE JUNG AND HIS CO-DEFENDANTS PRIOR TO THEIR 1982 TRIAL. THE ABA LISTS THE FOLLOWING THREE LAWYERS BY NAME:

PARK SE KYUNG (M-R: PARK SE KYUNG), CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY GROUP OF THE KMCC; LEE TONG MYONG (M-R: YI TONG-MYUNG); AND HONG SUNG WCC (M-R: HONG SUNG-U).

2. ACCORDING TO THE ABA, THE TWENTY LAWYERS WERE DETAINED BY THE ROY GOVT BUT SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AFTER THEY HAD APPARENTLY RESIGNED FROM THE LEGAL ADVISORY GROUP OF

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THE KMCC AND HAD REPORTEDLY SIGNED LETTERS IN WHICH THEY AGREED TO SUSPEND THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR ONE YEAR.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THESE LAWYERS AS A GROUP AND THE STATUS OF PARK SE KYUNG IN PARTICULAR. EAIG

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